[Mr. C. N. Srirenganatha Sastri.]

The Additional Head Sirkar Vakil has been addressed about the amendments necessary to the Irrigation Regulation as recommended by the Committee. That is another reference. And the Chief Engineer has been addressed in regard to the estimates for the irrigation protection works. That is also another reference.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether this information asked for was after receipt of my interpellation or before that ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): These references were made before the receipt of this interpellation.

MR N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know when exactly this information was called for from these officers ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Some of the references were sent in July 1932 and, since the last Council, another reference has gone in September 1932. That was to the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil to include a provision for recovering the cost of putting up bunds in punjapadam lands from persons who have to erect them, but who fail to do so at the proper time and thereby cause loss to the adjoining land owners. Before the last Council and after the last Council also, references have gone to these officers.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Has any of these officers sent in a reply ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Some of the officers have replied, and on their reply some other reference has gone. The Land Revenue Commissioner has replied, and a reference on that has gone to the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Is the member aware that during the last meeting of the Legislative Council information was asked for by some of the members on this side of the House about the action taken on this report and even then the reply that Government gave was that correspondence was going on with certain officers of Government. May I know when this correspondence stage will conclude ?

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : As a matter of fact Government are taking, the matter being important, all possible steps to expedite the replies.

Qualification of applicants for constable's post in the Police Department.

33. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any qualifications are prescribed for applicants for constables' post in the Police Department ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the qualifications so prescribed ; and

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(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any community is exempted from any of those qualifications and, if so, the name of such community?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination, or education up to Form VI in an English School.

(*c*) Members of the depressed classes and ex-war service men and sons of retired or deceased Policemen whose record of service was in the view of the Commissioner of Police satisfactory, provided they are literate, are exempted from either of the above qualifications. In the case of Mahomedans, education up to Class VI in Vernacular or Form III in English, is prescribed as the minimum qualification.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know which are the communities that come within the definition of "depressed classes" in this answer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I would refer the member to the G. O. in the Revenue Department and in the Education Department in connection with fee concession for depressed classes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Would the member be able to give me the information as to who are included under "depressed classes" according to those G. Os?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot enumerate all.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to the Police Department, is there no such table of depressed class people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Depressed classes are well-known.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): That is why I ask it. It is not well-known to me.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member may take it that they are those classes which are enumerated in regard to fee concession.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I have not got that with me.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I also have not got that with me.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I want to get the information.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I will have to refer to it and if the member meets me outside the Council later, I shall give him the information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether it is not for the information of the House that an answer should be given here?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got it with me.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is stated that sons of retired or deceased policemen are also exempted. May I know whether it is on account of their close relationship with the deceased?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In recognition of the services of the deceased.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why the brothers or nephews of the deceased persons who are Marumakkattayees are also not given that preference?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That point did not strike anybody and the Police Commissioner himself did not recommend it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it because he was not a Marumakkattayee that he did not recommend it? What I wish to know is whether Government will consider that also.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; we can make a reference to the Police Commissioner and obtain his view on that point.

Emergency cut in the salaries of covenanted officers.

34. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether some covenanted officers at present receive their salaries minus ten per cent. emergency cut?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative. The salary of covenanted officers of the State is not liable to any emergency cut. But the emergency cut is applied in the case of the British Officers lent to this State.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the last sentence of the answer, may I know the names of the British Officers whose services are lent to this State and to whom the cut is applied?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The Dewan, the Chief Engineer, the Commandant, Captain Fairley and the Medical Entomologist.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the saving obtained by applying a cut of 10 per cent to the pay of these officers?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In the Dewan's pay the saving was Rs. 305-10-0 per mensem; in the Chief Engineer's pay the saving was Rs. 203-16-0; in the Commandant's pay the saving was Rs. 155-20-8, in Captain Fairley's pay the saving was Rs. 109-11-12 and in the Medical Entomologist's pay the saving was Rs. 81-12-0. If the member will add these figures he will get the amount of total saving.

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